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Chapter News

BETA (Columbia)

THREE meetings of Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa have been held since the last letter to the Phi Delta Kappan. Dr. J. J. Coss, a former president of this chapter, addressed the first of these meetings on "Survey Courses in Contemporary Civilization in Columbia University." Dr. Coss is in the Department of Philosophy and is Dean of the Columbia Summer Session. The second meeting was addressed by Dean W. F. Russell of the University of Iowa. Dr. Russell is a former member of this chapter. He spoke on his experiences in Siberia during the war. The speaker of the last meeting was Dr. W. W. Pettit, Beta Chapter, and now connected with the New York School of Social Work. Dr. Pettit spoke on "The Relations of Social Service Work to Teaching." Thus far this year 32 men have been initiated.

B. C. Douglass, Corresponding Secretary, was forced to resign due to illness and E. U. Rugg was elected to this position for the remainder of the academic year.

Dr. N. L. Engelhart is advanced from Associate Professor to Professor in the Department of Administration of Teachers College.

M. W. Longman, a former member of this chapter, is again in residence for this semester and is active in the work of Beta Chapter.

J. P. Herring, a recent initiate, has been called home to Washington State on account of the death of his father.

Recent affiliates include: R. C. Roberts and W. W. Cascaden of Delta (Stanford) and J. R. Clark of Alpha (Indiana).

Beta Chapter collaborated with Tau in making the arrangements for the annual Phi Delta Kappa luncheon held in connection with the Department of Superintendence of the N. E. A. at Atlantic City on March 2. Professor Paul Monroe of this chapter was one of the speakers.

E. U. RUGG, Corresponding Secretary.

DELTA (Stanford)

On Saturday, March the fifth, Delta and Lambda Chapters staged their annual joint initiation at the Masonic Temple in San Francisco. This was followed in the evening by a banquet at Hotel Stewart. The initiation ceremony was presided over by Brother John K. Norton, District Deputy. The Alumni Chapter at San Francisco acted as hosts to the two active chapters. Five men were taken in from Lambda and four from Delta. Professor C. E. Rugh of the University of California acted as toastmaster, and responses were made by the presidents of the three chapters, W. R. Bachrodt, Homer H. Cornick, and Harold H. Cozens, respectively. Dr. J. V. Breitwieser spoke on the subject, "Research," William J. Cooper on "Service," and Dean Ellwood P. Cubberley on "Leadership." Dr. J. Harold Williams, President of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter, brought us a message from the South.

Delta men continue to support the meetings of the local Educational Discussion Club in an unofficial capacity as the "power behind the throne." Brother Marvin L. Darsie of the Southern Branch of the University of California will pilot this organization through the following quarter, succeeding G. M. Ruch.

Delta Chapter is just issuing the third and last News Letter of the present year. We intend to mail one copy of this and all subsequent letters to all of the chapters listed in the directory. It is our hope that the other chapters will see fit to follow our example.

The National Membership Drive is gaining ground steadily; we have passed the fifty per cent mark and are still going up.

Dean Cubberley has just left on a "vacation" consisting of a dozen or so educational meetings and speaking engagements throughout the East. Dr. W. M. Proctor has just returned from the conference on Vocational Education.

G. M. RUCH, Corresponding Secretary.

ETA (Minnesota)

During the Vocational Education Association Convention held in Minneapolis, Phi Delta Kappa held a meeting at which members of other chapters were present. The visitors were Dr. E. C. Higbie, Dr. E. E. Lewis, J. L. McCrory, Prof. J. C. MacDonald, Prof. Ira Griffith and Dr. Proctor. Each visitor was called on for a short talk.

Five new members were initiated March 10.

Phi Delta Kappa financed the mixer held the evening of March 23, during the Schoolmen's Week. Brother Garns gave readings. This event promises to become an annual affair.

The addresses by members of the faculty are increasing the interest in the Phi Delta Kappa meetings. Dr. Finney discussed the "Place of Sociology in Teacher Training," and Dr. Miller, "Teacher Training." Some very interesting discussions have resulted from these meetings.

There still are quite a few members who are unlocated. Any information as to the location of any of the brothers will be appreciated.

E. SELKE, Corresponding Secretary.

THETA (Cornell)

Theta Chapter, since its reorganization in December, 1920, has been meeting bi-weekly. Some excellent talks have been given by active and associate members and by others of the University staff, and have been provocative of very worthwhile discussions. Although small in membership, Theta Chapter is big in interest in the ideals of our fraternity.

Having been completely disorganized during the war, for about three years, it has been exceedingly difficult to obtain any definite records of the past doings and membership of the chapter. However, all clues are being followed up and Theta hopes to be really on its feet in all respects, before long.

PAUL R. YOUNG,
Corresponding Secretary.

KAPPA (Kansas)

The affairs of Kappa Chapter are progressing very satisfactorily. At the latest meeting four new members were initiated. We feel that our efforts are doing much to interest men in education as a profession. Returns are still being received in the 100% Membership Campaign, and we are confidently expecting to rank well with the other chapters at the time of the next report. Kappa Chapter was well represented at the recent meeting of the State Teachers' Association in Topeka, the occasion giving us the opportunity of renewing our acquaintances with many of our members now in the field.

EVERETT H. FIXLEY,
Corresponding Secretary.

SIGMA (Ohio)

Sigma Chapter is very much alive this year. We meet regularly on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Our average attendance throughout the year has been around twenty members and much interest has been shown. Brother Collicott, of the Indiana Chapter, superintendent of Columbus schools, spoke at our last meeting, March 15, on the theme, "How we may best secure co-operation between teacher, parent and pupil."

We are planning a luncheon and get-together of all Phi Delta Kappa men of the State during the Educational Conference to be held here at Ohio State on the seventh, eighth and ninth of April.

M. M. MANSPERGER,
Corresponding Secretary.

TAU (Pennsylvania)

A large percentage of the Tau men, during the past year have gone out of the city, with the result that our meetings have been poorly attended. At the March meeting ten new members were initiated into the fraternity. Of them,

two were undergraduates. It is planned to select this spring another group that can be initiated early next fall, thus guaranteeing a sufficiently large body of active members.

The membership campaign is slowly progressing and before the end of the year we hope to reach approximately 100%.

The banquet of Phi Delta Kappa men during the N. E. A. proceedings at Atlantic City was a great success from every standpoint. Tau Chapter took a prominent part in the preparations and Dean Graves of the School of Education presided in his usual graceful manner.

J. H. TYSON,
Corresponding Secretary.

UPSILON (Northwestern)

Returns continue to come in on the 100% Membership Campaign; the treasurer's last report was very satisfactory. We have just initiated four live wires into the chapter, giving a total of twenty-seven active members at present. The meetings of this semester have been brim full of interesting and vitally important talks and discussions. On the whole, we may say that Upsilon Chapter is registering much pep and enthusiasm as the year goes on.

Among the men who have appeared on our programs this semester are the following, whose papers were of special interest: Roy C. Flickinger, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, read a paper by Dr. Furst of the Rockefeller Foundation, which had been prepared to be presented before the Association of American Universities, comparing entrance requirements of 125 universities and colleges in 1912 and 1920. The paper was doubly valuable because the material was brought up to the minute. Brother Tubbs, Principal of the New Trier Township High School in Kenilworth, Illinois, presented a paper on "A Health Program in a Modern High School." Brother Justice, assistant superintendent of schools in

Evanston, reported results of the "Illinois Survey" in the Evanston schools. Brother Frisbie, one of the younger brothers, talked on the "Four Square" program for training boys as he has had experience with it in the Y. M. C. A.

Our meetings are invariably preceded by a social hour, at which time a committee serves dinner, so that in a very informal sort of way we combine good fellowship with the more serious business of research.

HOWLAND H. PADDOCK,
Corresponding Secretary.

PSI (Peabody)

Psi Chapter is an infant in the Phi Delta Kappa world. The eighteenth of February marked the beginning of this chapter as a part of the Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity. In view of this we can do very little more than introduce ourselves to you.

Vice-President Williams of the University of Illinois, was in charge of the installation of this chapter. He was assisted by S. R. Powers of the University of Arkansas. The men here were highly pleased with the dignity and ease with which these men conducted the ceremonies connected with such an occasion. The chapter was installed with thirty-four (34) men eligible for charter membership.

Since our installation we have had two regular meetings. Plans are under way for some real genuine work, in keeping with Phi Delta Kappa's ideals of Research, Leadership and Service. In the next issue of the Phi Delta Kappan we shall have some very definite things to report.

May we take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the National Officers and to the various chapters for your part toward making us one of you. We are grateful indeed and shall endeavor to live true to the faith you have in us.

JAMES E. HILLMAN,
Corresponding Secretary.

Chapter News

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THE following Chapter News came in at the last minute—too late, in fact, to receive consecutive location in the regular Chapter News.—Managing Editor.

HARVARD (Iota)

The Harvard Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa sends its greetings and best wishes to other Chapters of the Fraternity.

A significant fact in the life of the chapter is the active interest of its field members, widely dispersed, as they are, in all branches of education. With a mailing list of one hundred members to whom notices of meetings and activities are sent and seventeen new members from the School of Education, the professional and fraternal outlook of the chapter is very promising. Practically all the new members taken into the chapter this year are candidates for the degree of Doctor of Education.

Among the activities of the season one or two have proven unusually successful.

In the open meetings conducted by the chapter all members of the Graduate School of Education have been invited to hear and discuss educational problems under the leadership of Phi Delta Kappa. At one meeting arranged by the chapter Hugh S. Magill, Field Secretary for the National Educational Association, spoke on the Smith-Towner Bill. At another meeting Charles Swain Thomas, well-known as a leader in the teaching of English and now editor of the Atlantic Company, as well as Lecturer on the Teaching of English in the Graduate School of Education, spoke on problems of the educational publisher.

The chapter in conjunction with the Graduate Education Society recently gave a dinner to the faculty. The large attendance with the feeling of co-operation engendered has emphasized strongly the marked sincerity and fellowship existing in the school.

The initiation theses of all candidates of the Harvard Chapter are bound and

retained in the Library of the Graduate School of Education. The theses this year have been especially interesting.

This chapter is working up certain amendments to the National Constitution. These amendments will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

The Harvard Chapter desires before closing its communication, to express appreciation for all the fine work being done over the country in furthering the interests of Phi Delta Kappa, assuring the other chapters of its hearty co-operation in the cause of education.

ALCOTT FARRAR ELWELL,
Corresponding Secretary.

NU (Washington)

In the February meeting, Dr. Clifford Woody, associate professor of education, read a very interesting paper on "Socialized Education." For illustrative purposes he described rather fully the Detroit "platoon" system of grade schools, in which the pupils study fundamentals only half time, the rest of the time being spent in socially desirable education. About 15 grade schools in Detroit are organized on this plan, and educational tests show that the students in these schools learn even the fundamentals faster than the students in the other schools. Dr. Woody pointed out that the object of all this system, as of all socialized education, is to train the pupil to become a good citizen, well able to understand civic problems, besides being able to appreciate good art, literature, music, etc. A rapid-fire discussion followed this lasting for fully an hour.

In the March meeting, Mr. C. K. Bliss, who is teaching at Moran School (private for boys), gave a fine talk on "Private Schools," showing the disadvantages as well as the advantages. The big advantage pointed out was the right attitude

toward life which was given the boys, so lacking in public schools. The Phi Delta Kappa quartet gave a couple of selections before the meeting. There were 24 and 23 present respectively at the meetings.

EDWARD M. LITTLE,
Corresponding Secretary.

ALUMNUS EPSILON (Los Angeles)

At the regular monthly meeting of Los Angeles Alumni Chapter held in Pasadena on February 19, 1921, new officers for the current year were elected as follows:

President—Wm. F. Ewing.

Secretary-treasurer—K. M. Cowdery.

Brother Ewing is principal of the Pasadena High School of Pasadena, Calif., and has a school of some 2,100 students. Brother Cowdery is Acting Superintendent of the Whittier State School for Boys, located at Whittier, Calif.

The personnel of Phi Delta Kappa

brothers in the district contributing to the membership of this chapter includes:

High School teachers.....	15
School superintendents	6
College professors	6
Grammar School teachers ...	3
High School principals	3
College Deans	2
Research workers	2
Normal School instructors...	2
Normal School president	1
Grammar School principal....	1
County Farm Advisor.....	1
Efficiency expert	1

Since the opening of the current year Brother J. Harold Williams, formerly head of the Department of Research at the Whittier State School, and holder of the Phi Delta Kappa Honor Key, has become director of the California Bureau of Juvenile Research, with new headquarters at Whittier, California.

K. M. COWDERY,
Corresponding Secretary.

Chapter News Letters

THE National Office acknowledges receipt of Chapter News letters from Epsilon (Iowa), Alumnus Alpha (San Francisco), and Delta (Stanford).

The Epsilon letter is entitled "Phi Delta Kappa Bulletin, Epsilon Chapter, Volume I, Number I." In the foreword it is announced that this is the first of a series of bulletins from Epsilon Chapter.

Volume I, Number I is an excellent survey of junior high schools at Monmouth, Illinois, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Hannibal, Missouri. Any member of our fraternity interested in the junior high school problem will do well to write to Epsilon Chapter for a copy of this bulletin.

The editors did not forget the news items feature, and when you read that bulletin, you will not be surprised that Epsilon is getting good returns from her 100% Membership Campaign.

The news letter of Alumnus Alpha gives a very interesting account of the California-Stanford joint initiation, which was held on March 5th in the Masonic

Temple at San Francisco. We wish there were room to give an account of that initiation. The news letter contains a lot of interesting news from men in the field and a good report from Brother H. B. Wilson of Lambda, regarding the recent meeting of the Department of Superintendence at Atlantic City.

We regret to learn of the death of Brother Frank Schacht of Alumnus Alpha Chapter. He was a young man of great promise and he will be greatly missed personally and professionally.

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Delta News is especially neat typographically and well edited. It, too, contains an account of the joint initiation of Lambda and Delta Chapters. We quote in part from the editor's report of the initiation.

"Johnny Norton, Regional Director, took charge of the ceremony and with the assistance of alumni from both chapters put the work on in the best of style.